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Description

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5 The present invention relates to a process for preparation of a polyolefin which can provide a polyolefin having an extremely high melting point and a high stereoregularity in a high yield and also to a catalyst suitable for the process. More particularly, the present invention relates to an olefin polymerization catalyst comprising a Ziegler catalyst-on-carrier containing as an external donor a trialkoxysilane compound having an aliphatic substituent in which the carbon atom in the α -position adjacent to a silicon atom is a tertiary carbon atom and the carbon atom in the β -position is a tertiary carbon atom and also to a process for preparation of polyolefins in the presence of such an olefin polymerization catalyst.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

15 It has been heretofore known that the use of an organic silicon compound as a promotor component for a carried type Ziegler catalyst provides an improvement in the stereoregularity of the polymer thus produced.

Organic silicon compounds which have been heretofore proposed can be roughly divided into the following two groups:

20 (1) Dialkoxysilane compound ($R_2Si(OMe)_2$) (in which R represents an aromatic or aliphatic hydrocarbon group)

Examples of such dialkoxysilane compounds include diphenyldimethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-57-63310, 57-63311, 58-138708, 59-138708, 61-296006, 63-175008, 63-289004 (the term "JP-A" as used herein means an "unexamined published Japanese patent application")), diisobutyldimethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-62-18406, 63-258907, 2-70708, 2-173010, 3-33103), diisopropyldimethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-63-258907, 2-229807, 3-33102, 3-33103), dicyclopentyldimethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-2-229807), di-*t*-butyldimethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-2-70708, 2-229806, 3-33102), dicyclohexyldimethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-63-258907), *t*-butyl(*t*-butoxy)dimethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-3-119004), methylmethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-2-170803, 2-229807), cyclohexylethylmethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-2-163104), and *t*-butylmethylmethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-62-11705, 62-20507, 63-92615, 2-229807).

(2) Trialkoxysilane compound ($RSi(OMe)_3$) (in which R represents an aromatic or aliphatic hydrocarbon group)

35 Examples of such a trialkoxysilane compound include phenyltriethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-57-63311, 58-83006, 62-20507, 61-296006), ethyltriethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-57-63310), butyltriethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-2-170803), *t*-butyltrimethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-63-11705, 63-92615, 63-258907, 3-33106, 3-33105, 2-70708), isobutyltrimethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-3-33106), *t*-butyltriethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-2-229807), and norbornanetriethoxysilane compounds (as disclosed in JP-A-63-92615).

However, the use of such a dialkoxysilane compound has some disadvantages. For example, a diphenyldimethoxysilane compound has a benzene ring on a silicon atom. When decomposed, such a diphenyldimethoxysilane compound releases the harmful benzene which is then left in the polymer thus produced, causing health problems.

45 On the other hand, diisopropyldimethoxysilane, dicyclopentyldimethoxysilane, dicyclohexyldimethoxysilane, di-*t*-butyldimethoxysilane, *t*-butyl(*t*-butoxy)dimethoxysilane, *t*-butylmethylmethoxysilane compounds, etc. have an aliphatic hydrocarbon group as a substituent on a silicon atom and thus cause no health problems. However, all these compounds, which have a bulky substituent, can hardly be synthesized and thus are extremely expensive. Further, the polymer thus obtained leaves much to be desired in stereoregularity and melting point. Diisobutyldimethoxysilane, cyclohexylmethylmethoxysilane, cyclohexylethylmethoxysilane compounds, etc. can be synthesized by a hydroxylation reaction and thus are inexpensive. However, the polymer thus produced exhibits a low stereoregularity. Therefore, these compounds cannot be practical.

50 These organic silicon compounds are obtained by introducing a substituent onto a silicon atom in the presence of an organic metal compound such as Grignard reagent. Accordingly, trialkoxysilane compounds can be generally easily synthesized and inexpensively supplied on an industrial basis as compared with dialkoxysilane compounds. However, trialkoxysilane compounds which have heretofore been used (e.g., phenyltriethoxysilane, ethyltriethoxysilane, butyltriethoxysilane, *t*-butyltrimethoxysilane, isobutyltrimethoxysilane, *t*-butyltriethoxysilane, norbornanetriethoxysilane) cause a remarkable drop in the catalyst activity and thus are economically disadvantageous and cannot be substantially put into industrial use. In order to inhibit the drop in the catalyst activity with such a trimethoxy compound, it has been

recently proposed to use such a trimethoxy compound in combination with a dimethoxysilane compound as disclosed in JP-A-2-70708, 3-33103, 3-33105, and 3-33106. However, all these approaches involve the reduction in stereoregularity. These approaches are also disadvantageous in that a plurality of tanks for storing respective organic silicon compounds and from which these organic silicon compounds are supplied to production plants are needed.

According to EP-0488595 (A1) novel thexyl trialkoxy silanes can be synthesized by a dehydrochlorination condensation reaction between thexyl trichlorosilane and an alcohol, e.g., methyl, ethyl, isopropyl and isobutyl alcohols, the novel compounds being characterized by analytical data. The compounds are useful as intermediates in the synthetic preparation of other organosilicon compounds, starting materials for various silicones, surface-treatment agents for inorganic materials and additives in complex catalysts.

EP-0488759 (A1) discloses thexyl (C₁-C₄) alkyl dialkoxysilanes as a class of novel organosilicon compounds, including thexyl methyl dimethoxy silane and thexyl n-butyl dimethoxy silane, which can be synthesized by several different routes. For example, thexyl methyl dimethoxy silane is prepared starting from methyl phenyl chlorosilane which is subjected to the hydrosilation reaction with 2,3-dimethyl-2-butene to introduce a thexyl group and the compound is converted by the reaction with hydrogen chloride into thexyl methyl dichlorosilane which is methoxylated by the reaction with methyl alcohol. Uses include water-repellant agents and additives for defin polymerisation catalysts.

According to EP-0419249 (A2) an olefin polymerization catalyst system comprises a solid, hydrocarbon-insoluble, magnesium-containing, titanium-containing, electron donor-containing component; an alkyl aluminum compound; and organosilane compound selected from the group consisting of branched C₃-C₁₀ alkyl-t-butoxydimethoxysilanes.

EP-0530814 (A1) discloses carrying out a method for producing a stereospecific polyolefin in the presence of a catalyst comprising a transition metal compound and an organometallic compound, wherein a catalyst system is used which comprises (A) a solid catalyst component prepared by reacting a homogeneous solution containing (i) at least one member selected from the group consisting of metal magnesium and a hydroxylated organic compound, and oxygen-containing organic compounds of magnesium, (ii) an oxygen-containing organic compound of aluminum and (iii) an oxygen-containing organic compound of titanium, with (iv) at least one aluminum halide compound to obtain a solid product, and further reacting to this solid product. (v) an electron-donative compound and (vi) a titanium halide compound, (B) at least one member selected from the group consisting of organometallic compounds of Groups IA, IIA, IIB, IIIB and IVB of the Periodic Table, and (C) an oxygen-containing organic compound of silicon which has no aromatic substituent and which has at least one hydrocarbon group containing a secondary or tertiary carbon directly bonded to a silicon atom.

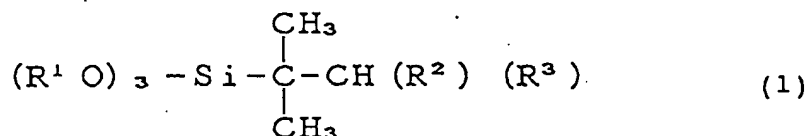
SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is therefore an object of the present invention to give a solution to the technical problems in the process for producing a polyolefin in the presence of a carried type Ziegler catalyst and hence provide a process for preparation of an olefin polymer having a high activity, a high stereoregularity and a high melting point.

The foregoing object of the present invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description and examples.

The inventors made extensive studies on promoters for carried type Ziegler catalysts, particularly extmal donors. As a result, it was found that the foregoing object of the present invention can be accomplished by a catalyst for polymerization of olefin for use in the process for preparation of an olefin polymer, which comprises:

Component (A): a solid catalyst component containing titanium, magnesium and halogen as essential components;
Component (B): an organic aluminum compound; and
Component (C): an organic silicon compound represented by formula (1):



wherein R¹, R² and R³ each represents a C₁₋₃ hydrocarbon group. Accordingly, it was found that such an olefin polymerization catalyst can provide practically excellent polymers. Thus, the present invention was worked out.

The effects of the present invention can be attained only when an organic silicon compound having a specific structure (specifically, trialkoxysilane compound containing an aliphatic substituent in which the carbon atom in the α-

position adjacent to a silicon atom is a tertiary carbon atom and the carbon atom in the β -position is a tertiary carbon atom) is used as a promotor, particularly an external donor. It was an unexpected fact that an organic silicon compound having such a structure has such effects. Heretofore, studies have been made focusing on the structure of the carbon atom in the α -position adjacent to the silicon atom in an organic silicon compound (JP-A-62-11705, 62-18406, 63-92615, and 3-119004). The present invention made it clear that the structure of the carbon atom in the α -position adjacent to the silicon atom in an organic silicon compound as well as that in the β -position is extremely important for the preparation of an olefin polymer having a high melting point.

Further, an example of an extremely useful organic silicon compound in the present invention is the xyltrimethoxysilane. The xyltrimethoxysilane, which is a starting material of the xyltrimethoxysilane, can be synthesized easily in a constant and high yield under milder conditions by an industrially known method which comprises the reaction of trichlorosilane and 2,3-dimethyl-2-butene in the presence of a catalyst (as disclosed in JP-A-4-66588) and is thus useful in the industrial application.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention will be further described hereinafter.

Examples of magnesium compounds to be used in preparation of component (A) of the present invention include halogenated magnesium such as magnesium chloride and magnesium bromide; alkoxy magnesium such as ethoxy magnesium and isopropoxy magnesium; carboxylate of magnesium such as magnesium laurate and magnesium stearate; and alkyl magnesium such as butylethyl magnesium. The magnesium compound may comprise a mixture of two or more of these compounds. Of these, a halogenated magnesium is preferably used and the halogen is preferably a chlorine atom. Alternately, a compound which forms a halogenated magnesium may be used.

Examples of titanium compounds to be used in preparation of component (A) of the present invention include halogenated titanium such as titanium tetrachloride and titanium trichloride; titanium alkoxide such as titanium butoxide and titanium ethoxide; and alkoxy titanium halide such as phenoxy titanium chloride. The titanium compound may comprise a mixture of two or more of these compounds.

Halogen-containing compound to be used in preparation of component (A) of the present invention has fluorine, chlorine, bromine or iodine, preferably chlorine, as a halogen. Typical examples of such a halogen-containing compound include halogenated titanium such as titanium tetrachloride and titanium tetrabromide; halogenated silicon such as silicon tetrachloride and silicon tetrabromide; and halogenated phosphorus such as phosphorus trichloride and phosphorus pentachloride. Halogenated hydrocarbons, halogen molecules or halogenated hydro-acids (e.g., HCl, HBr, HI) may be used depending on the preparation method. When the halogen-containing compound is the same as the above mentioned titanium or magnesium compound, it may be omitted.

In preparation of the solid catalyst (component (A)) to be used in the present invention, various electron donors (internal donors) is preferably added to the system. Examples of such electron donors include oxygen-containing compounds and nitrogen-containing compounds. Specific examples of such compounds include (a) C_{1-20} alcohols such as methanol, ethanol, propanol, butanol, heptanol, hexanol, octanol, dodecanol, octadecyl alcohol, 2-ethyl-hexyl alcohol, benzyl alcohol, cumyl alcohol, diphenyl methanol and triphenyl methanol, (b) C_{6-25} phenols which may contain an alkyl substituent, such as phenol, cresol, ethylphenol, propylphenol, cumylphenol, nonylphenol and naphthol, (c) C_{3-15} ketones such as acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl isobutyl ketone, acetophenone and cyclohexanone, (d) C_{2-15} aldehydes such as acetaldehyde, propionaldehyde, tolaldehyde and naphthoaldehyde, (e) C_{2-20} organic esters such as methyl formate, ethyl formate, methyl acetate, ethyl acetate, propyl acetate, octyl acetate, cyclohexyl acetate, methyl cellosolve acetate, cellosolve acetate, ethyl propionate, methyl n-butyrate, methyl isobutyrate, ethyl isobutyrate, isopropyl isobutyrate, ethyl valerate, butyl valerate, ethyl stearate, methyl chloroacetate, ethyl dichloroacetate, methyl methacrylate, ethyl methacrylate, ethyl crotonate, ethyl cyclohexanecarboxylate, methyl phenylacetate, methyl phenylbutyrate, propyl phenylacetate, propyl phenylbutyrate, methyl benzoate, ethyl benzoate, propyl benzoate, butyl benzoate, octyl benzoate, cyclohexyl benzoate, phenyl benzoate, benzyl benzoate, cellosolve benzoate, methyl toluate, ethyl toluate, amyl toluate, ethyl ethylbenzoate, methyl anisate, ethyl anisate, ethyl ethoxybenzoate, diethyl phthalate, diisobutyl phthalate, diheptyl phthalate, dineopentyl phthalate, γ -butyrolactone, γ -valerolactone, coumarine, phthalide, diethyl carbonate, methyl orthoformate, and ethyl orthoformate, (f) alkoxy acid esters such as methyl methoxyacetate, ethyl methoxyacetate, butyl methoxyacetate, phenyl methoxyacetate, methyl ethoxyacetate, ethyl ethoxyacetate, butyl ethoxyacetate, phenyl ethoxyacetate, ethyl n-propoxyacetate, ethyl i-propoxyacetate, methyl n-butoxyacetate, ethyl i-butoxyacetate, ethyl n-hexyloxyacetate, octyl sec-hexyloxyacetate, methyl 2-methylcyclohexyloxyacetate, methyl 3-ethoxypropionate, ethyl 3-methoxypropionate, butyl 3-methoxypropionate, ethyl 3-ethoxypropionate, butyl 3-ethoxypropionate, n-octyl 3-ethoxypropionate, dodecyl 3-ethoxypropionate, pentamethylphenyl 3-ethoxypropionate, ethyl 3-(i-propoxy)propionate, butyl 3-(i-propoxy)propionate, allyl 3-(n-propoxy)propionate, cyclohexyl 3-(n-butoxy)propionate, ethyl 3-neopentyloxypropionate, butyl 3-(n-octyloxy)propionate, octyl 3-(2,6-dimethyldecyloxy)propionate, ethyl 4-ethoxyacetate, cyclohexyl 4-ethoxybutyrate, octyl 5-(n-propoxy)valerate, ethyl 12-ethoxylaurate, ethyl 3-(1-indenoxy)

propionate, methyl 3-methoxyacrylate, methyl 2-ethoxyacrylate, ethyl 3-phenoxyacrylate, ethyl 2-methoxypropionate, n-butyl 2-(i-propoxy)butyrate, methyl 2-ethoxyisobutyrate, phenyl 2-cyclohexyloxyisovalerate, butyl 2-ethoxy-2-phenylacetate, allyl 3-neopentyloxybutyrate, methyl 3-ethoxy-3-(o-methylphenyl)propionate, ethyl 3-ethoxy-2-(o-methylphenyl)-propionate, ethyl 4-ethoxy-2-methyl-1-naphthylnonanate, ethyl 2-methoxycyclopentanecarboxylate, butyl 2-ethoxycyclohexanecarboxylate, isopropyl 3-(ethoxymethyl)tetralin-2-acetate, ethyl 8-butoxy-decalin-1-carboxylate, methyl 3-ethoxynorbornane-2-carboxylate, methyl 2-(phenoxy)acetate, ethyl 3-(p-cresoxy)propionate, methyl 4-(2-naphthoxy)butyrate, butyl 5-carbaloxyvalerate, methyl 2-phenoxypropionate, ethyl 3-(4-methylphenoxy)-2-phenylpropionate, ethyl 2-phenoxy-cyclohexanecarboxylate, ethyl thiophene-3-oxyacetate, ethyl 2-(2-picolinoxymethyl)-cyclohexanecarboxylate, and ethyl 3-furfuryloxypropionate, (g) ketonic acid ester such as methyl acetylacetate, ethyl acetylacetate, butyl acetylacetate, methyl propionylacetate, phenyl acetylacetate, ethyl propionylacetate, phenyl propionylacetate, butyl propionylacetate, ethyl butyrylacetate, ethyl i-butanoylacetate, ethyl pentanoylacetate, methyl 3-acetylpropionate, ethyl 3-acetylpropionate, butyl 3-acetylpropionate, ethyl 3-propionylpropionate, butyl 3-propionylpropionate, n-octyl 3-propionylpropionate, dodecyl 3-propionylpropionate, pentamethylphenyl 3-propionylpropionate, ethyl 3-(i-propionyl)propionate, butyl 3-(i-propionyl)propionate, allyl 3-(i-propionyl)propionate, cyclohexyl 3-(i-propionyl)propionate, ethyl 3-neopentanoylpropionate, butyl 3-n-laurylpropionate, methyl 3-(2,6-dimethylhexanoyl)propionate, ethyl 4-propionylbutyrate, cyclohexyl 4-propionylbutyrate, octyl 5-butyrylvalerate, ethyl 12-butyrylaurate, methyl 3-acetylacrylate, methyl 2-acetylacrylate, ethyl 3-benzoylpropionate, methyl 3-benzoylpropionate, ethyl 3-methylbenzoylpropionate, butyl 3-toluylbutyrate, ethyl o-benzoylbenzoate, ethyl m-benzoylbenzoate, ethyl p-benzoylbenzoate, butyl o-toluylbenzoate, ethyl o-toluylbenzoate, ethyl m-toluylbenzoate, ethyl p-toluylbenzoate, ethyl o-(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl)benzoate, ethyl m-(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl)benzoate, ethyl p-(2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl)benzoate, ethyl o-ethylbenzoylbenzoate, ethyl o-acetylbenzoate, ethyl o-propionylbenzoate, ethyl o-laurylbenzoate, ethyl o-cyclohexanoylbenzoate, and ethyl o-dodecylbenzoate, (h) inorganic esters such as methyl borate, butyl titanate, butyl phosphate, diethyl phosphite, and di(2-phenylphenyl)phosphorochloridate, (i) C₂₋₂₅ ethers such as methyl ether, ethyl ether, isopropyl ether, butyl ether, amyl ether, tetrahydrofuran anisole, diphenyl ether, ethylene glycol diethyl ether, ethylene glycol diphenyl ether, and 2,2-dimethoxypropane, (j) C₂₋₂₀ acid amides such as acetic amide, benzoic amide, and toluic amide, (k) C₂₋₂₀ acid halides such as acetyl chloride, benzoyl chloride, toluic chloride, anisic chloride, phthaloyl chloride, and phthaloyl isochloride, (l) C₂₋₂₀ acid anhydrides such as acetic anhydride and phthalic anhydride, (m) C₁₋₂₀ amines such as monomethylamine, monoethylamine, diethylamine, tributylamine, piperidine, tribenzylamine, aniline, pyridine, picoline and tetramethylethylenediamine, (n) C₂₋₂₀ nitriles such as acetonitrile, benzonitrile and trinitrile, (o) C₂₋₂₀ thiols such as ethylthio alcohol, butylthio alcohol and phenylthiol, (p) C₄₋₂₅ thioethers such as diethylthioether and diphenylthioether, (q) C₂₋₂₀ sulfuric esters such as dimethyl sulfate and diethyl sulfate, (r) C₂₋₂₀ sulfonic acids such as phenylmethoxysulfon and diphenylsulfon, and (s) C₂₋₂₄ silicon-containing compounds such as phenyltrimethoxysilane, phenyltriethoxysilane, phenyltributoxysilane, vinyltriethoxysilane, diphenyldiethoxysilane, phenyldimethylmethoxysilane, phenyldimethylethoxysilane, triphenylmethoxysilane, hexamethyldisiloxane, octamethyltrisiloxane, trimethylsilanol, phenyldimethylsilanol, triphenylsilanol, diphenylsilanediol and silicic lower alkyl (particularly ethyl silicate). Two or more of these electron donative compounds may be used in combination. Preferred among these compounds are organic esters, alkoxy acid esters, and ketonic acid esters.

The process for preparation of the catalyst of the present invention is not specifically limited. Examples of the process include a process which comprises bringing a halogenated magnesium, a halogenated titanium and the foregoing electron donative compounds into contact with each other by grinding or by dispersing or dissolving in a solvent to obtain a catalyst component; a process which comprises complexing a halogenated magnesium with an organic or inorganic compound (which may include the foregoing electron donative compounds), and then bringing the complex into contact with a halogenated titanium or a complex thereof with the foregoing electron donative compounds to obtain a catalyst component; a process which comprises complexing a halogenated magnesium with an organic or inorganic compound (which may include the foregoing electron donative compounds), and then bringing the complex into contact with the foregoing electron donative compound and a titanium compound in sequence (order may be reversed) to obtain a catalyst component; and a process which comprises bringing a magnesium compound (which may optionally include a titanium compound) into contact with the foregoing electron donative compounds, and bringing the material into contact with a titanium compound or halogenating the material simultaneously or at the subsequent stage to obtain a catalyst component (the titanium compound must be used any stage).

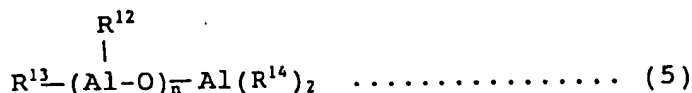
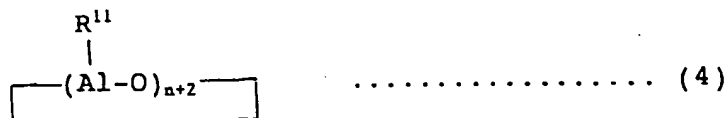
The foregoing catalyst component may also be prepared by supporting these materials on a material commonly used as a catalyst carrier, such as silica and alumina or impregnating such a carrier with these materials.

The relationship between the various components in component (A) in content is arbitrary so far as the effects of the present invention are recognized. In general, the following ranges are preferred. The molar ratio of Mg to Ti is 0.1/1 to 1,000/1, preferably 2/1 to 200/1. The molar ratio of halogen to Ti is 1/1 to 100/1. The molar ratio of an electron donative compound, if any used, to Ti is 10/1 or less, preferably 0.1/1 to 5/1.

The average grain diameter of the solid catalyst component to be used in the present invention is arbitrary so far as the effects of the present invention are recognized but is normally in the range of 0.1 to 200 μm , preferably 1 to 100

μm, more preferably 10 to 100 μm.

The organic aluminum compound (component (B)) according to the present invention is typically represented by formula (2), (3), (4) or (5):



wherein R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶, which may be the same or different, each represents a hydrogen, a halogen atom, or an alkyl group having up to 12 carbon atoms and preferably 1 to 8 carbon atoms, provided that at least one of R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ is an alkyl group; R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³, and R¹⁴, which may be the same or different, each represents an alkyl group having up to 12 carbon atoms, preferably 1 to 8 carbon atoms; and n represents an integer of 1 or more, eg of 1 to 100.

Typical examples of the organic aluminum compound represented by formula (2) include trialkyl aluminum such as trimethyl aluminum, triethyl aluminum, tripropyl aluminum, tributyl aluminum, trihexyl aluminum and trioctyl aluminum; alkyl aluminum hydride such as diethyl aluminum hydride and diisobutyl aluminum hydride; and alkyl aluminum halide such as diethyl aluminum chloride, diethyl aluminum bromide, ethyl aluminum sesqui-chloride and ethyl aluminum sesqui-chloride.

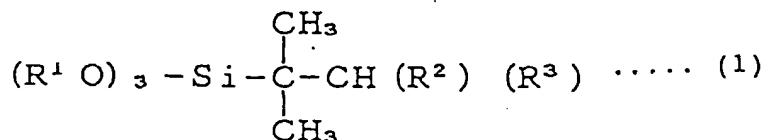
Typical among the organic aluminum compounds represented by formula (3) are alkyldialmoxanes such as tetraethylaldialmoxane and tetrabutylaldialmoxane.

Formula (4) represents an aluminosiloxane, which is a polymer of aluminum compounds. In formula (4), R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ and R¹⁴, each is methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, benzyl or the like, preferably methyl or ethyl. The suffix n is preferably from 1 to 10.

Among these organic aluminum compounds, trialkyl aluminum, alkyl aluminum hydride, and alkyl aluminosiloxanes are particularly preferred because they provide desirable results.

In the polymerization of an olefin, the amount of the organic aluminum compound to be charged into the polymerization system is normally in the range of 10⁻⁴ mmol/l or more, preferably 10⁻² mmol/l or more. The molar proportion of the organic aluminum compound to the titanium atom in the solid catalyst component is normally in the range of 0.5/1 or more, preferably 2/1 or more, particularly 10/1 or more. If the amount of the organic aluminum compound to be used is too small, it causes a drastic drop in the polymerization activity. When the amount of the organic aluminum compound to be charged into the polymerization system is 20 mmol/l or more and the molar proportion of the organic aluminum compound to the titanium atom is 1,000/1 or more, the catalytic properties cannot be further enhanced even if these values are further increased.

The compound of component (C) to be used in the present invention is an organic silicon compound having the structure represented by formula (1):



wherein R¹, R² and R³ each represents a C₁₋₃ hydrocarbon group, preferably a C₁₋₃ alkyl group (e.g., methyl and ethyl).

Specific examples of such an organic silicon compound include thexyltrimethoxysilane (2,3-dimethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-butane), thexyltriethoxysilane, thexyltripropoxysilane, thexyltriisopropoxysilane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-hexane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-hexane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-propoxysilyl-pentane, and 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-isopropoxysilyl-pentane.

Particularly preferred among these organic silicon compounds is thexyltrimethoxysilane.

The molar ratio of component (C) to component (B) is in the range of 0.001/1 to 5/1, preferably 0.01/1 to 1/1.

As the olefin to be polymerized there may be used an olefin having up to 12 carbon atoms. Typical examples of olefin include ethylene, propylene, butene-1, 4-methylpentene-1, hexene-1, and octene-1. The present invention is advantageous for stereospecific polymerization of an α -olefin having 3 or more carbon atoms, such as a mixture of these olefins and a mixture thereof with ethylene. The present invention is particularly advantageous for stereospecific polymerization of propylene or a mixture of propylene and up to 20 mol% of ethylene or a higher α -olefin (i.e., having 4 or more carbon atoms), and most advantageous for homopolymerization of propylene. According to the process of the present invention, a propylene polymer having a melting point of 164°C or higher and a xylene-soluble content (% XSRT as defined below) at room temperature of 2.0 % or less can be obtained.

In carrying out the polymerization, the solid catalyst component, the organic aluminum compound, and the organic silicon compound may be separately introduced into the polymerization vessel. Alternately, Two or all of these components may be previously mixed. In a typical preferred method, an inert solvent as disclosed below, an organic aluminum compound and an organic silicon compound are charged into a dropping funnel in which the air therein has been replaced by nitrogen, mixed, and then allowed to stand for over a predetermined period of time (about 1 minute or more). The mixture was brought into contact with a solid catalyst component, allowed to stand for over a predetermined period of time (about 1 minute or more), and then charged into a polymerization vessel. Examples of the inert solvent include alkane and cycloalkane such as pentane, hexane, heptane, n-octane, isooctane, cyclohexane and methylcyclohexane; alkylaromatic hydrocarbon such as toluene, xylene, ethylbenzene, isopropylbenzene, ethyltoluene, n-propylbenzene, diethylbenzene and mono- or dialkyl-naphthalene; halogenated or hydrogenated aromatic hydrocarbon such as chlorobenzene, chloronaphthalene, orthodichlorobenzene, tetrahydronaphthalene and decahydronaphthalene; high molecular liquid paraffin, and mixture thereof.

The olefin polymerization according to the present invention is effected at a monomer pressure of not lower than the atmospheric pressure. In the gas phase polymerization, the monomer pressure must not fall below its vapor pressure at the polymerizing temperature and is normally in the range of about 20 to 600 PSI.

The polymerization may be effected in an inert solvent, liquid monomer (olefin) or gas phase. Further, the polymerization may be effected in a batch-wise process, semi-continuous process or continuous process. Moreover, the polymerization may be effected in two stages under different reaction conditions.

In order to obtain a polymer having a practicable melt flow, a molecular weight adjustor (generally hydrogen) may be present in the system.

The polymerizing time in the batch-wise process is normally in the range of 30 minutes to several hours. In the case of the continuous process, the same polymerizing time is taken as an average residence time. In the autoclave type reaction, the polymerizing time is typically in the range of about 1 hour to 4 hours.

In the slurry process, the polymerizing time is preferably in the range of 30 minutes to several hours.

Examples of diluent solvents suitable for the slurry process include alkane and cycloalkane such as pentane, hexane, heptane, n-octane, isooctane, cyclohexane and methylcyclohexane; alkylaromatic hydrocarbon such as toluene, xylene, ethylbenzene, isopropylbenzene, ethyltoluene, n-propylbenzene, diethylbenzene and mono- or dialkyl-

naphthalene; halogenated or hydrogenated aromatic hydrocarbon such as chlorobenzene, chloronaphthalene, o-dichlorobenzene, tetrahydronaphthalene and decahydronaphthalene, high molecular liquid paraffin, mixture thereof, and other known diluent solvents.

In the gas phase polymerization process for which the present invention is useful, an agitated bed reactor, fluidized bed reactor system, etc. may be used. In a typical gas phase olefin polymerization reactor system, an olefin monomer and catalyst components can be added to the system. This system comprises a reaction vessel equipped with an agitator. The catalyst components may be charged into the reaction vessel simultaneously or separately through one or more valve regulators. In this gas phase olefin polymerizing method, the olefin monomer is typically supplied into the reactor through a gas recycling system in which unreacted monomer exhausted as exhaust gas and fresh monomer to be supplied are mixed and then pressed into the reaction vessel.

The deactivation of the catalyst of the present invention for the completion or suspension of the polymerization, though not generally needed, can be accomplished by bringing the system into contact with water, alcohol or acetone, which is known as a catalyst poison, or other suitable catalyst deactivators.

The polymerizing temperature is normally in the range of -10 °C to 180 °C, preferably 20 °C to 100 °C, more preferably 50 °C to 80 °C, for excellent catalytic properties and high production speed.

Prepolymerization, though not necessarily needed, is preferably effected. In the prepolymerization, the foregoing solid catalyst component (A) is normally used in combination at least a part of the foregoing organic aluminum compound (B). In this case, an organic silicon compound or an acetal compound may be present in the system. Such an organic silicon compound is not limited to the compounds used as the foregoing catalyst component (C). The concentration of the solid catalyst component (A) in the prepolymerization process is preferably in the range of 0.01 to 200 mmol per ℓ of inert hydrocarbon solvent as disclosed below as calculated in terms of titanium atom. The amount of the organic aluminum component (B) may be such that a polymer is produced in an amount of 0.1 to 500 g, preferably 0.1 to 300 g per g of solid catalyst component (A). The prepolymerization is preferably effected under mild conditions with an inert hydrocarbon solvent having an olefin and the foregoing catalyst component added thereto. Specific examples of such an inert hydrocarbon solvent include aliphatic hydrocarbon such as propane, butane, pentane, hexane, heptane, octane, decane, dodecane and kerosine; alicyclic hydrocarbon such as cyclopentane, cyclohexane and methylcyclopentane; aromatic hydrocarbon such as benzene, toluene and xylene; halogenated hydrocarbon such as ethylene chloride and chlorobenzene; and mixture thereof. Particularly preferred among these inert hydrocarbon solvents is aliphatic hydrocarbon. The olefin to be used in the prepolymerization process may be the same as or different from that to be used in the main polymerization as described below. The reaction temperature in the prepolymerization process may be such that the resulting prepolymer is not substantially dissolved in an inert hydrocarbon solvent. It is normally in the range of about -10 °C to 100 °C, preferably about -10 °C to 80 °C. In the prepolymerization process, a molecular weight adjustor such as hydrogen may be used. The prepolymerization may be effected batch-wise or continuously.

The polymerization controlling method, post-treatment method, etc. are not specifically limited in the catalyst of the present invention. All known methods can be applied.

The present invention will be further described in the following examples.

The xylene soluble content (%) of the polymer at room temperature (% XSRT) was determined as follows.

Specifically, 2 g of the polymer was dissolved in 200 ml of xylene at a temperature of 135 °C. The solution was then allowed to cool to room temperature (25 °C). The polymer thus deposited was then filtered off. The solvent was then distilled off the filtrate by means of a rotary evaporator. The material was dried, and the resulting residue was then measured. % XSRT was calculated by the following equation:

$$\% \text{ XSRT} = \frac{\text{Amount (g) of Residue} \times 100}{\text{Amount (g) of Polymer Specimen}}$$

The insoluble residue substantially corresponds to an isotactic index of the polymer, and the lower % XSRT value implies the higher stereoregularity.

The melting point (T_{mp} °C) of the polymer according to the present invention was determined from the fusion peak top during the secondary temperature rise (20 °C/min.) by DSC-7 available from Perkin Elmer. The higher T_{mp} implies a polymer of better physical properties.

In the Examples and Comparative Examples, the melt index under a load of 2.16 kg (i.e., MFR) was measured in accordance with JIS K-6758-1968. The higher MFR implies a polymer of a lower molecular weight.

The initial flexural modulus (FM) was measured in accordance with ASTM-D-790-66. The higher FM implies a polymer of better physical properties.

In the Examples and Comparative Examples, all the compounds used in the preparation and polymerization of the solid catalyst component (organic solvent, olefin, hydrogen, titanium compound, magnesium compound, silicon compound, etc.) were substantially free of water content.

The preparation of the solid catalyst component and the polymerization were effected in a substantially water-free nitrogen atmosphere.

EXAMPLE 1

Preparation of solid catalyst component (A)

1.71 g of anhydrous magnesium chloride, 9 ml of decane and 8.4 ml of 2-ethylhexyl alcohol were allowed to undergo reaction under heating at a temperature of 130 °C for 3 hours to make a uniform solution. To the solution was then added 0.39 g of phthalic anhydride. The solution was stirred at a temperature of 130 °C for 2 hours to dissolve the phthalic anhydride in the uniform solution. The uniform solution thus obtained was allowed to cool to room temperature. The solution was then added dropwise to 72 ml of titanium tetrachloride which had been kept at a temperature of -20 °C in 1 hour. After completion of the dropwise addition, the temperature of the solution was raised to 110 °C in 4 hours. When the temperature of the solution reached 110 °C, 0.96 g of diisobutyl phthalate was added to the solution. The solution was then kept at the same temperature under stirring for 2 hours. After 2 hours of reaction, the solution was then filtered under heating to withdraw a solid content. The solid content was then resuspended in 72 ml of TiCl_4 . The suspension was then allowed to undergo reaction under heating at a temperature of 110 °C for 2 hours. After completion of the reaction, the material was then filtered under heating to withdraw a solid content. The solid content was then thoroughly washed with decane and hexane until no free titanium compounds were detected in the wash liquid. The solid content was then dried under reduced pressure.

Polymerization

Into a 1.5-ℓ stainless steel autoclave were charged 4.8 mg of the solid component thus prepared, 5.4 mg of hexyltrimethoxysilane (0.8 ml of 0.1 mol/ℓ hexane solution thereof), and 91 mg of triethyl aluminum (0.8 ml of 1 mol/ℓ hexane solution thereof). To the material were then added 340 g of propylene and 0.03 g of hydrogen.

The autoclave was heated so that the internal temperature thereof was kept at 80 °C. After 1 hour, the internal gas was then released to complete the polymerization. As a result, 160 g of a polypropylene powder was obtained. The product exhibited MFR of 2.5 g/10 min., Tmp of 164.9 °C, XSRT of 1.40 %, and FM of 17,000 kg/cm².

COMPARATIVE EXAMPLES 1 - 2 AND EXAMPLES 2 - 4

Catalysts were prepared and polymerization was effected in the same manner as in Example 1 except that the kind and amount of the catalyst component (C) used were altered as shown in Table 1.

TABLE I

Example and Comparative Example	Component (C)	Used amount (mg) of Component (C)	Catalyst activity (g/g h)	XSRT (Z)	Tmp (degree)	MFR (g/10min)	FM (kg/cm ²)
Ex. 2	Hexyltrimethoxysilane	2.7	35,000	1.6	164.2	4.0	16,800
Ex. 3	Hexyltrimethoxysilane	10.8	28,500	0.7	165.8	2.1	17,300
Ex. 4	Hexyltrimethoxysilane	16.2	27,100	0.7	166.0	2.6	17,400
Comp. Ex. 1	t-Butyltrimethoxysilane	14.8	13,800	1.2	162.6	1.5	16,600
Comp. Ex. 2	Dicyclopentyltrimethoxysilane	17.2	22,000	1.5	163.1	3.0	15,900

EXAMPLE 5Preparation of solid Ti catalyst component (A)

5 Into a 300-ml round flask which had been thoroughly dried were charged 5 g of diethoxy magnesium, 1.22 g of ethyl 3-ethoxy-2-phenylpropionate, and 25 ml of methylene chloride in a stream of nitrogen. The material was then stirred under reflux for 1 hour. The suspension was then pressed into 200 ml of TiCl_4 at room temperature. The material was gradually heated to a temperature of 110 °C where it was then allowed to undergo reaction under stirring for 2 hours. After completion of the reaction, the resulting solid was withdrawn by filtration, and then washed with 200 ml of n-decane three times at a temperature of 110 °C. To the material was added 200 ml of TiCl_4 . The material was then allowed to undergo reaction at a temperature of 120 °C for 2 hours. After completion of the reaction, the solid material thus deposited was withdrawn by filtration, washed with 200 ml of n-decane three times, and then washed with n-hexane at room temperature until no chlorine ions were detected.

Polymerization

15 Into a 1.5-l stainless steel autoclave were charged 4.0 mg of the solid component thus prepared, 5.4 mg of hexyltrimethoxysilane, and 91 mg of triethyl aluminum. To the material were then added 340 g of propylene and 0.03 g of hydrogen.

20 The autoclave was heated so that the internal temperature thereof was kept at 75 °C. After 1 hour, the internal gas was then released to complete the polymerization. As a result, 152 g of a polypropylene powder was obtained. The product exhibited MFR of 4.0 g/10 min., Tmp of 165.6 °C, XSRT of 1.90 %, and FM of 16,600 kg/cm².

COMPARATIVE EXAMPLES 3 - 4 AND EXAMPLES 6 - 8

25 Catalysts were prepared and polymerization was effected in the same manner as in Example 5 except that the kind and amount of the catalyst component (C) used were altered as shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2

Example and Comparative Example	Component (C)	Used amount (mg) of Component (C)	Catalyst activity (g/g h)	XSRT (%)	Tmp (degree)	MFR (g/10min)	FM (kg/cm ²)
Ex. 6	Hexyltrimethoxysilane	2.7	44,000	1.9	164.9	5.1	16,100
Ex. 7	Hexyltrimethoxysilane	10.8	36,000	1.8	165.9	2.9	16,600
Ex. 8	Hexyltrimethoxysilane	16.2	35,500	1.8	165.6	2.8	16,900
Comp. Ex. 3	t-Butyltrimethoxysilane	14.8	19,700	2.3	164.1	2.1	16,000
Comp. Ex. 4	Dicyclopentyltrimethoxysilane	17.2	25,300	2.2	164.0	2.6	15,800

EXAMPLE 9Preparation of solid catalyst component (A)

5 1.71 g of anhydrous magnesium chloride, 9 ml of decane and 8.4 ml of 2-ethylhexyl alcohol were allowed to undergo reaction under heating at a temperature of 130 °C for 2 hours to make a uniform solution. To the solution was then added 0.39 g of phthalic anhydride. The solution was stirred at a temperature of 130 °C for 1 hour to dissolve the phthalic anhydride in the uniform solution. The uniform solution thus obtained was allowed to cool to room temperature. The solution was then added dropwise to 72 ml of titanium tetrachloride which had been kept at a temperature of -20
10 °C in 1 hour. After completion of the dropwise addition, the temperature of the solution was raised to 110 °C in 4 hours. When the temperature of the solution reached 110 °C, 1.01 g of ethyl 3-benzoylpropionate was added to the solution. The solution was then kept at the same temperature under stirring for 2 hours. After 2 hours of reaction, the solution was then filtered under heating to withdraw a solid content. The solid content was then resuspended in 72 ml of TiCl_4 . The suspension was then allowed to undergo reaction under heating at a temperature of 110 °C for 2 hours. After
15 completion of the reaction, the material was then filtered under heating to withdraw a solid content. The solid content was then thoroughly washed with decane and hexane until no free titanium compounds were detected in the wash liquid. The solid content was then dried under reduced pressure.

Polymerization

20 Into a 1.5-ℓ stainless steel autoclave were charged 3.5 mg of the solid component thus prepared, 5.4 mg of hexyltrimethoxysilane, and 91 mg of triethyl aluminum. To the material were then added 340 g of propylene and 0.03 g of hydrogen.

25 The autoclave was heated so that the internal temperature thereof was kept at 80 °C. After 1 hour, the internal gas was then released to complete the polymerization. As a result, 122 g of a polypropylene powder was obtained. The product exhibited MFR of 1.8 g/10 min., Tmp of 165.0 °C, XSRT of 1.40 %, and FM of 15,900 kg/cm².

COMPARATIVE EXAMPLES 5 - 6 AND EXAMPLES 10 - 12

30 Catalysts were prepared and polymerization was effected in the same manner as in Example 9 except that the kind and amount of the catalyst component (C) used were altered as shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3

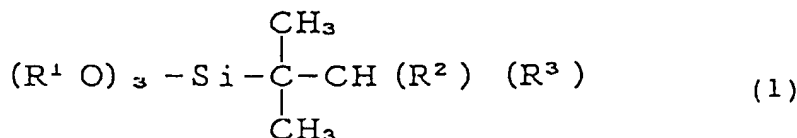
Example and Comparative Example	Component (C)	Used amount (mg) of Component (C)	Catalyst activity (g/g h)	XSRT (%)	Tmp (degree)	MFR (g/10min)	FM (kg/cm ²)
Ex.10	Hexyltrimethoxysilane	2.7	37,200	1.4	165.0	3.5	15,800
Ex.11	Hexyltrimethoxysilane	10.8	36,000	1.2	166.1	4.1	16,900
Ex.12	Hexyltrimethoxysilane	16.2	35,800	1.1	165.9	1.6	16,300
Comp.Ex.5	t-Butyltrimethoxysilane	14.8	16,500	1.5	163.6	1.8	16,200
Comp.Ex.6	Dicyclopentyltrimethoxysilane	17.2	20,300	1.7	163.4	2.2	15,100

As mentioned above, the process of the present invention can provide an olefin polymer having a high stereoregularity and an extremely high melting point in a remarkably high yield.

Claims

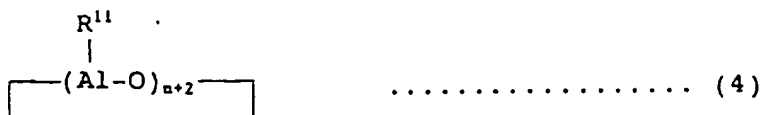
1. A catalyst for polymerization of olefin, which comprises:

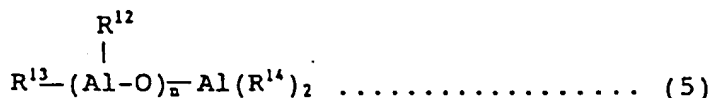
(A) a solid catalyst component containing titanium, magnesium and halogen, (B) an organic aluminum compound, and (C) an organic silicon compound represented by formula (1):



wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 each represents a C_{1-3} hydrocarbon group.

2. The catalyst as in claim 1, wherein said R^1 , R^2 and R^3 each represents an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms.
3. The catalyst as in claim 1, wherein said component (C) is selected from the group consisting of hexyltrimethoxysilane, hexyltriethoxysilane, hexyltripropoxysilane, hexyltriisopropoxysilane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-hexane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-hexane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-hexane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-hexane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, and 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane.
4. The catalyst as in claim 3, wherein said component (C) is hexyltrimethoxysilane.
5. The catalyst as in claim 1, wherein said component (A) has a molar ratio of Mg/Ti of 0.1/1 to 1,000/1 and a molar ratio of halogen/Ti of 1/1 to 100/1.
6. The catalyst as in claim 1, wherein said component (B) is an organic aluminum compound represented by formula (2), (3), (4), or (5):





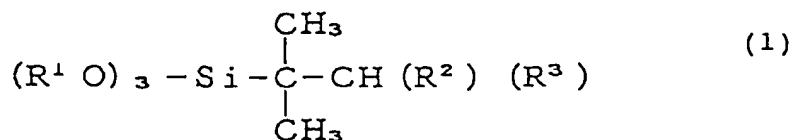
wherein R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶, which may be the same or different, each represents a hydrogen, a halogen atom, or an alkyl group having up to 12 carbon atoms, provided that at least one of R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ is an alkyl group; R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³, and R¹⁴, which may be the same or different, each represents an alkyl group having up to 12 carbon atoms and n represents an integer of 1 or more.

7. The catalyst as in claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of component (C) to component (B) is in the range of 0.001/1 to 5/1.

8. The catalyst as in claim 7, wherein the molar ratio of component (C) to component (B) is in the range of 0.01/1 to 1/1.

9. A process for producing a polyolefin, which comprises polymerizing an olefin in the presence of a catalyst comprising

(A) a solid catalyst component containing titanium, magnesium and halogen, (B) an organic aluminum compound, and (C) an organic silicon compound represented by formula (1):



wherein R¹, R² and R³ each represents a C₁₋₃ hydrocarbon group.

10. The process as in claim 9, wherein said olefin has 1 to 12 carbon atoms.

11. The process as in claim 10, wherein said olefin is propylene, or a mixture of propylene with ethylene or an α -olefin having 4 or more carbon atoms.

12. The process as in claim 11, wherein said olefin is propylene.

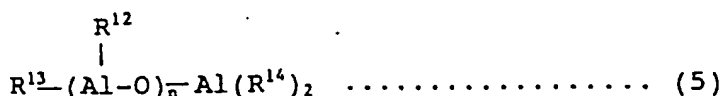
13. The process as in claim 9, wherein said R¹, R² and R³ each represents an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms.

14. The process as in claim 9, wherein said component (C) is selected from the group consisting of hexyltrimethoxysilane, hexyltriethoxysilane, hexyltripropoxysilane, hexyltriisopropoxysilane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2-methyl-3-ethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3,4-trimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-hexane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-hexane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-hexane, 2,3-dimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-hexane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-trimethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-triethoxysilyl-pentane, 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, and 2,4-dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane.

15. The process as in claim 14, wherein said component (C) is hexyltrimethoxysilane.

16. The process as in claim 9, wherein said component (A) has a molar ratio of Mg/Ti of 0.1/1 to 1,000/1 and a molar ratio of halogen/Ti of 1/1 to 100/1.

17. The process as in claim 9, wherein said component (B) is an organic aluminum compound represented by formula (2), (3), (4), or (5);



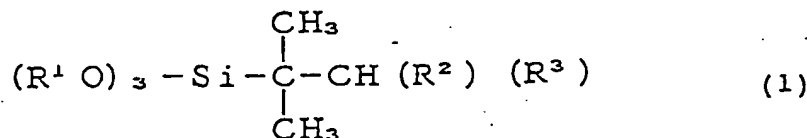
wherein R^4 , R^5 and R^6 , which may be the same or different, each represents a hydrogen, a halogen atom, or an alkyl group having up to 12 carbon atoms, provided that at least one of R^4 , R^5 and R^6 is an alkyl group; R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} , and R^{14} , which may be the same or different, each represents an alkyl group having up to 12 carbon atoms and n represents an integer of 1 or more.

18. The process as in claim 9, wherein the molar ratio of component (C) to component (B) is in the range of 0.001/1 to 5/1.

Patentansprüche

1. Katalysator zur Olefinpolymerisation, umfassend

- (A) eine feste Katalysatorkomponente mit Titan, Magnesium und Halogen,
(B) eine organische Aluminiumverbindung und
(C) eine organische Siliciumverbindung der Formel (1):



worin R^1 , R^2 und R^3 jeweils für eine C_{1-3} -Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe stehen.

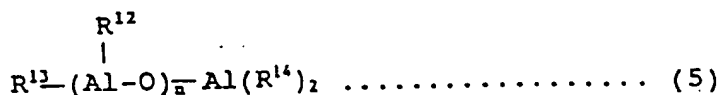
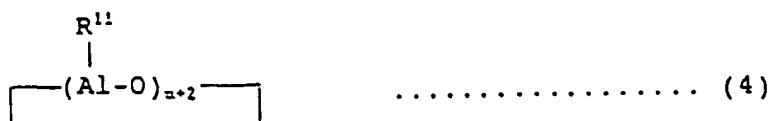
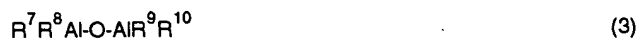
2. Katalysator nach Anspruch 1, wobei R^1 , R^2 und R^3 jeweils für eine Alkylgruppe mit 1 bis 3 Kohlenstoffatom(en) stehen.
3. Katalysator nach Anspruch 1, wobei die Komponente (C) aus der Gruppe: Thexyltrimethoxysilan, Thexyltriethoxysilan, Thexyltripropoxysilan, Thexyltriisopropoxysilan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-trimethoxysilylpentan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-triethoxysilylpentan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-tripropoxysilylpentan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilylpentan, 2-Methyl-3-ethyl-2-trimethoxysilylpentan, 2-Methyl-3-ethyl-2-triethoxysilylpentan, 2-Methyl-3-ethyl-2-tripropoxysilylpentan, 2-Methyl-3-ethyl-2-triisopropoxysilylpentan, 2,3,4-Trimethyl-2-trimethoxysilylpentan, 2,3,4-Trimethyl-2-triethoxy-

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4. Katalysator nach Anspruch 3, wobei die Komponente (C) aus Thexyltrimethoxysilan besteht.

5. Katalysator nach Anspruch 1, wobei die Komponente (A) ein Molverhältnis Mg/Ti von 0,1/1 bis 1000/1 und ein Molverhältnis Halogen/Ti von 1/1 bis 100/1 aufweist.

6. Katalysator nach Anspruch 1, wobei die Komponente (B) aus einer organischen Aluminiumverbindung der Formeln (2), (3), (4) oder (5):



worin bedeuten:

R^4 , R^5 und R^6 , die gleich oder verschieden sein können, jeweils einen Wasserstoff, ein Halogenatom oder eine Alkylgruppe mit bis zu 12 Kohlenstoffatomen, wobei mindestens einer der Reste R^4 , R^5 und R^6 für eine Alkylgruppe steht;

R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} und R^{14} , die gleich oder verschieden sein können, jeweils eine Alkylgruppe mit bis zu 12 Kohlenstoffatomen und
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besteht.

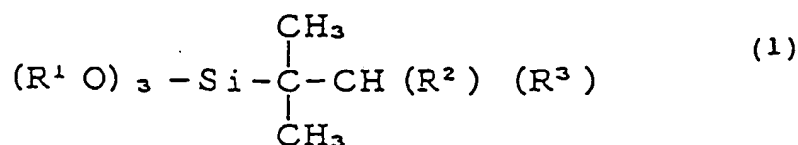
7. Katalysator nach Anspruch 1, wobei das Molverhältnis Komponente (C)/Komponente (B) im Bereich von 0,001/1 bis 5/1 liegt.

8. Katalysator nach Anspruch 7, wobei das Molverhältnis Komponente (C)/Komponente (B) im Bereich von 0,01/1 bis 1/1 liegt.

9. Verfahren zur Herstellung eines Polyolefins durch Polymerisieren eines Olefins in Gegenwart eines Katalysators, umfassend:

- (A) eine feste Katalysatorkomponente mit Titan, Magnesium und Halogen,
- (B) eine organische Aluminiumverbindung und

(C) eine organische Siliciumverbindung der Formel (1):



worin R^1 , R^2 und R^3 jeweils eine C_{1-3} -Kohlenwasserstoffgruppe darstellen.

10. Verfahren nach Anspruch 9, wobei das Olefin 1 bis 12 Kohlenstoffatom(e) aufweist.

11. Verfahren nach Anspruch 10, wobei das Olefin aus Propylen oder einem Gemisch aus Propylen mit Ethylen oder einem α -Olefin mit 4 oder mehr Kohlenstoffatomen besteht.

12. Verfahren nach Anspruch 11, wobei das Olefin aus Propylen besteht.

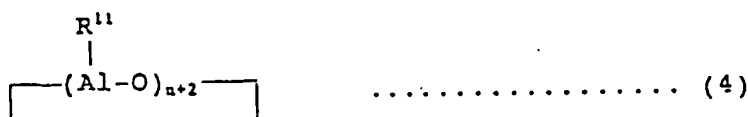
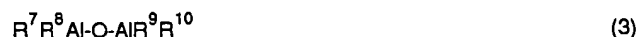
13. Verfahren nach Anspruch 9, wobei R^1 , R^2 und R^3 jeweils eine Alkylgruppe mit 1 bis 3 Kohlenstoffatom(en) darstellen.

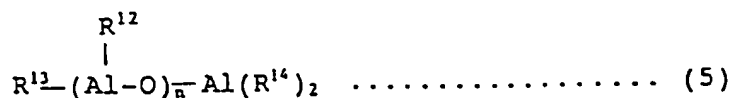
14. Verfahren nach Anspruch 9, wobei die Komponente (C) aus der Gruppe: Thexyltrimethoxysilan, Thexyltriethoxysilan, Thexyltripropoxysilan, Thexyltriisopropoxysilan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-trimethoxysilylpentan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-triethoxysilylpentan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-tripropoxysilylpentan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilylpentan, 2-Methyl-3-ethyl-2-trimethoxysilylpentan, 2-Methyl-3-ethyl-2-triethoxysilylpentan, 2-Methyl-3-ethyl-2-tripropoxysilylpentan, 2-Methyl-3-ethyl-2-triisopropoxysilylpentan, 2,3,4-Trimethyl-2-trimethoxysilylpentan, 2,3,4-Trimethyl-2-triethoxysilylpentan, 2,3,4-Trimethyl-2-tripropoxysilylpentan, 2,3,4-Trimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilylpentan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-trimethoxysilylhexan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-triethoxysilylhexan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-tripropoxysilylhexan, 2,3-Dimethyl-2-triisopropoxysilylhexan, 2,4-Dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-trimethoxysilylpentan, 2,4-Dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-triethoxysilylpentan, 2,4-Dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-tripropoxysilylpentan, 2,4-Dimethyl-3-ethyl-2-triisopropoxysilylpentan, 2,4-Dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-trimethoxysilylpentan, 2,4-Dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-triethoxysilylpentan, 2,4-Dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-tripropoxysilylpentan und 2,4-Dimethyl-3-isopropyl-2-triisopropoxysilylpentan ausgewählt ist.

15. Verfahren nach Anspruch 14, wobei die Komponente (C) aus Thexyltrimethoxysilan besteht.

16. Verfahren nach Anspruch 9, wobei die Komponente (A) ein Molverhältnis Mg/Ti von 0,1/1 bis 1000/1 und ein Molverhältnis Halogen/Ti von 1/1 bis 100/1 aufweist.

17. Verfahren nach Anspruch 9, wobei die Komponente (B) aus einer organischen Aluminiumverbindung der Formeln (2), (3), (4) oder (5):





worin bedeuten:

R⁴, R⁵ und R⁶, die gleich oder verschieden sein können, jeweils einen Wasserstoff, ein Halogenatom oder eine Alkylgruppe mit bis zu 12 Kohlenstoffatomen, wobei mindestens einer der Reste R⁴, R⁵ und R⁶ für eine Alkylgruppe steht;

R⁷, R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹, R¹², R¹³ und R¹⁴, die gleich oder verschieden sein können, jeweils eine Alkylgruppe mit bis zu 12 Kohlenstoffatomen und
n eine ganze Zahl von 1 oder mehr,

besteht.

18. Verfahren nach Anspruch 9, wobei das Molverhältnis Komponente (C)/Komponente (B) im Bereich von 0,001/1 bis 5/1 liegt.

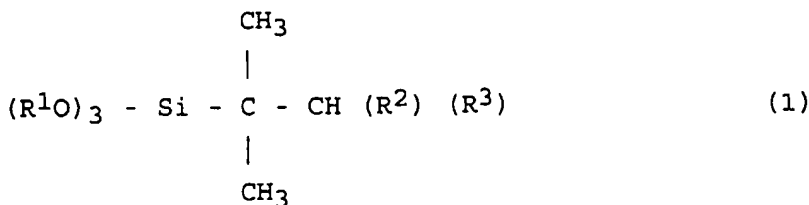
Revendications

1. Catalyseur pour la polymérisation d'oléfines, qui comprend :

(A) un composant catalyseur solide contenant du titane, du magnésium et un halogène ;

(B) un composé organique de l'aluminium ; et

(C) un composé organique du silicium représenté par la formule (1) :



dans laquelle R¹, R² et R³ représentent chacun un groupe hydrocarboné en C₁ à C₃.

2. Catalyseur selon la revendication 1, dans lequel lesdits symboles R¹, R² et R³ représentent chacun un groupe alkyle ayant de 1 à 3 atomes de carbone.

3. Catalyseur selon la revendication 1, dans lequel ledit composant (C) est choisi dans le groupe constitué par le t-hexyltriméthoxysilane, le t-hexyltriéthoxysilane, le t-hexyltriisopropoxysilane, le t-hexyltriisopropoxysilane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2-méthyl-3-éthyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2-méthyl-3-éthyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2-méthyl-3-éthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2-méthyl-3-éthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3,4-triméthyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3,4-triméthyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3,4-triméthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3,4-triméthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-hexane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-hexane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-hexane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-hexane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-éthyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-éthyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-éthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-éthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-isopropyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-isopropyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-isopropyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, et le 2,4-diméthyl-3-isopropyl-2-isopropoxy-silyl-pentane.

4. Catalyseur selon la revendication 3, dans lequel ledit composant (C) est le t-hexyltriméthoxysilane.

5. Catalyseur selon la revendication 1, dans lequel ledit composant (A) a un rapport en moles Mg/Ti compris entre 0,1/1 et 1000/1 et un rapport en moles halogène/Ti compris entre 1/1 et 100/1.

6. Catalyseur selon la revendication 1, dans lequel ledit composant (B) est un composé organique de l'aluminium représenté par la formule (2), (3), (4) ou (5):



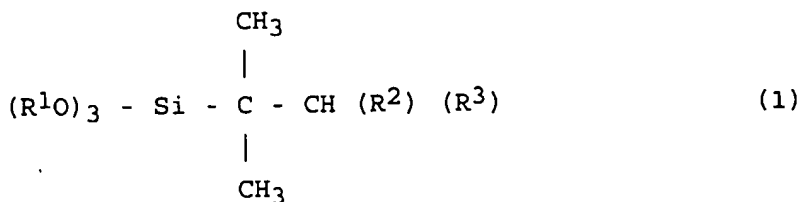
où R^4 , R^5 et R^6 , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent chacun un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène ou un groupe alkyle ayant jusqu'à 12 atomes de carbone, du moment qu'au moins l'un de R^4 , R^5 et R^6 est un groupe alkyle; R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} et R^{14} , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent chacun un groupe alkyle ayant jusqu'à 12 atomes de carbone; et n représente un nombre entier valant 1 ou plus.

7. Catalyseur selon la revendication 1, dans lequel le rapport en moles du composant (C) au composant (B) est compris entre 0,001/1 et 5/1.

8. Catalyseur selon la revendication 7, dans lequel le rapport en moles du composant (C) au composant (B) est compris entre 0,01/1 et 1/1.

9. Procédé pour la production d'une polyoléfine, qui comprend la polymérisation d'une oléfine en présence d'un catalyseur comprenant:

- (A) un composant catalyseur solide contenant du titane, du magnésium et un halogène;
- (B) un composé organique de l'aluminium; et
- (C) un composé organique du silicium représenté par la formule (1):



dans laquelle R^1 , R^2 et R^3 représentent chacun un groupe hydrocarboné en C_1 à C_3 .

10. Procédé selon la revendication 9, dans lequel ladite oléfine a de 1 à 12 atomes de carbone.

11. Procédé selon la revendication 10, dans lequel ladite oléfine est le propylène, ou un mélange de propylène et

d'éthylène, ou encore une α -oléfine ayant 4 atomes de carbone ou plus.

12. Procédé selon la revendication 11, dans lequel ladite oléfine est le propylène.

13. Procédé selon la revendication 9, dans lequel lesdits symboles R^1 , R^2 et R^3 représentent chacun un groupe alkyle ayant de 1 à 3 atomes de carbone.

14. Procédé selon la revendication 9, dans lequel ledit composant (C) est choisi dans le groupe constitué par le t-hexyltriméthoxysilane, le t-hexyltriéthoxysilane, le t-hexyltripropoxysilane, le t-hexyltriisopropoxysilane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2-méthyl-3-éthyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2-méthyl-3-éthyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2-méthyl-3-éthyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2-méthyl-3-éthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3,4-triméthyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3,4-triméthyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3,4-triméthyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3,4-triméthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-hexane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-hexane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-hexane, le 2,3-diméthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-hexane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-éthyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-éthyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-éthyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-éthyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-isopropyl-2-triméthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-isopropyl-2-triéthoxysilyl-pentane, le 2,4-diméthyl-3-isopropyl-2-tripropoxysilyl-pentane, et le 2,4-diméthyl-3-isopropyl-2-triisopropoxysilyl-pentane.

15. Procédé selon la revendication 14, dans lequel ledit composant (C) est le t-hexyltriméthoxysilane.

16. Procédé selon la revendication 9, dans lequel ledit composant (A) a un rapport en moles Mg/Ti compris entre 0,1/1 et 1000/1 et un rapport en moles halogène/Ti compris entre 1/1 et 100/1.

17. Procédé selon la revendication 9, dans lequel ledit composant (B) est un composé organique de l'aluminium représenté par la formule (2), (3), (4) ou (5) :



où R^4 , R^5 et R^6 , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent chacun un atome d'hydrogène ou d'halogène ou un groupe alkyle ayant jusqu'à 12 atomes de carbone, du moment qu'au moins l'un de R^4 , R^5 et R^6 est un groupe alkyle ; R^7 , R^8 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , R^{12} , R^{13} et R^{14} , qui peuvent être identiques ou différents, représentent chacun un groupe alkyle ayant jusqu'à 12 atomes de carbone ; et n représente un nombre entier valant 1 ou plus.

18. Procédé selon la revendication 9, dans lequel le rapport en moles du composant (C) au composant (B) est compris entre 0,001/1 et 5/1.